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E-Legislative Update

April 1 – 7, 2013



April 1st marks the beginning of the twelve week of the legislative session. Wednesday, April 3rd is the last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

4/2/2013 8:30 a.m.

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Work Session: Financial Aid Policies and Programs: Roundtable Discussion

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

4/4/2013 1:30 p.m.

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESSB 5491](#) - Establishing statewide indicators of educational health.
 2. [2SSB 5624](#) - Aligning high-demand secondary STEM or career and technical education programs with applied baccalaureate programs.
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Health and Human Services

Commerce & Labor

04/01/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [ESHB 1753](#) - Regulating interpreter services.

Misc

Law & Justice

04/01/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1601](#) - Providing alternatives for penalties stemming from traffic infractions.

Information is current as of: March 28, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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